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The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
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Dear Assistant Administrator Stanislaus:


Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on Thursday, April 21, 2016, to testify at the hearing entitled "EPA's Brownfields Program: Empowering Cleanup and Encouraging Economic Redevelopment."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on May 27, 2016. Your responses should be mailed to Will Batson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Will.Batson@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



John Shimkus
Chairman

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

cc: The Honorable Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. We understand that a number of people want to increase the amount of individual grants. What would be the impact of increasing the limit for remediation grants?
 - A. Would increasing the amount of remediation grants negatively affect the leveraging of federal brownfields money?
2. With all of the Administration's regulations affecting coal-fired electricity generation, has EPA analyzed the extent to which there are coal fired generating facilities that are closing and not converting to another fuel, that will likely become sites that could be cleaned up and redeveloped under the Brownfields Program?
 - A. What is EPA doing to address the issue that there will soon be all of these closed plants?
 - B. Does EPA have any plans or ideas on how to manage these sites under the Brownfields Program?
3. There is a bill pending in the Senate right now on brownfields – S. 1479. Some of the changes in that bill require EPA to consider certain types of grants – for example, waterfront grants and clean energy grants. Rather than directing EPA to consider certain sites for brownfields funding, shouldn't local communities decide the best end use for a redevelopment project?
 - A. Does EPA already have authority to issue a grant to these types of projects?